

House Resolution No. 2526

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives enjoy a long, proud tradition of meeting their responsibilities to the citizens of this state while upholding the virtues represented by the "Glory of Missouri": Knowledge, Liberty, Equality, Law, Justice, Fraternity, Education, Progress, Honor, Truth, Virtue, Temperance, Enterprise, and Charity; and

Whereas, these virtues are engraved in the House Chamber of the State Capitol with the inscription: "All the foregoing human qualities bind into one theme, the Glory of Missouri because no people attain these virtues unless they are great."; and

Whereas, the "Glory of Missouri" virtues were engraved in the early 1920s under the direction of the Decorating Commission, which recognized their relevance and importance to the early Missouri Legislature; and

Whereas, the "Glory of Missouri" Award was created to encourage the values held by the early leaders of Missouri and to recognize those standards as exemplified in our schools and communities by this state's young people, the future of Missouri; and

Whereas, Owen Cobb, a student at William Southern Elementary School in the Independence School District, has been selected to receive the "Glory of Missouri" Award for his accomplishments in the area of JUSTICE as defined by the intent of the Decorating Commission for the Capitol in 1922: "She stands firm upon a rock, a shield under her right hand, and a scepter of authority in her left, Justice in the affairs of men is a strange mixture of the human and the divine. Sometimes there is law in it, sometimes there is mercy in it.";

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in commending Owen Cobb for his noteworthy achievements in the pursuit of "JUSTICE", and in extending heartfelt congratulations to him at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Owen Cobb, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Paul LeVota
District No. 52

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2526, adopted May 6, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker